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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, PFOR, BA
SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE

REF: (A) STATE 109372 (B) MANAMA 1065

1. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY 23 ON VARIETY OF
SUBJECTS, INCLUDING OTHER ASPECTS MIDEASTFOR (SEPTTEL),
RESULTED IN REVISION OF PROPOSED TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT, BELOW,
WHICH
FONMIN SAID WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOB. FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
USG'S DESIRE TO MAKE STATEMENT ABOUT CONTINUITY OF MIDEASTFOR'S
MISSION (THIRD SENTENCE OF TEXT PROPOSED STATE REFTTEL), BUT
HE FELT IT DID NOT BELONG IN A JOINT STATEMENT SINCE, AFTER
DE-HOMEPORTING, WHAT USG DID WITH ITS SHIPS NOT BAHRAIN'S
CONCERN. OTHER CHANGE HE PROPOSED CLEARLY DESIGNED TO FURTHER
SOFTEN REFERENCE TO DEPT. OF DEFENSE PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN. I
SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS SUGGESTED CHANGES TO DEPT. I FEEL
THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS AS
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SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN REVISED TEXT: OVER RECENT MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENTS
OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
NAVY'S MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN THE REGION. AS A RESULT OF THESE
DISCUSSIONS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO TERMINATE,

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1977, THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAS MAINTAINED ITS HOMEPORT IN BAHRAIN. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ANTICIPATE THAT MIDDLE EAST FORCE'S VESSELS WILL VISIT BAHRAIN FROM TIME TO TIME, JUST AS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT OTHER FRIENDLY REGIONAL PORTS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN IN BAHRAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL AND AN OFFICE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR IT AS WELL AS FOR OCCASIONAL U.S. NAVY VISITS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS REFLECT THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT.
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